

STEWARDSHIP WEEK 2012

Students learn to be good stewards in Dixon Springs, IL

April 24, 2012

On April 24th -27th, students and teachers from numerous area schools arrived at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center to participate in Stewardship Week 2012. This annual event is organized by the Illinois Forest Resource Center and emphasizes the need for making wise choices in the use and management of our natural resources. The Shawnee National Forest (NF) is a key partner in the event, helping to ensure its overall success by providing station presenters (8 for the April 2012 event) and planning/logistical support. Two of the Forest's AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers helped set up stations, further bolstering the Forest's overall efforts and presence.



AmeriCorps VISTA, Guy Schmale, engages students

Stewardship Week is supported by private and government organizations (local, state, and federal). Over 100 natural resource professionals contributed to putting the 2012 event together.

Approximately 3,400 K-6 grade students participated this year, rotating through 30 activity stations. Since its inception in 1990, Stewardship Week has connected almost 62,000 students to the land and natural resources around them.

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